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Device and methods useful in invasive spinal surgery, especially for arthrodesis

Patent Assignee: SDGI HOLDINGS INC (SDGI-N)
 Inventor: BODEN S; MCKAY W F; MOCTEZUMA J; MOSKOVITZ P A

Patent Family (1 patents, 1 & countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update	Type
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Patent Details

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US 5891147	A	EN	31	30	Division of application	US 1996670351	
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Alerting Abstract US A

NOVELTY - A device for inserting graft material into a fusion site comprises a carrier element including an elongated handle and a sheath attached to one end of the handle and an obturator portion.

DESCRIPTION - The sheath is sized to receive the graft material and includes two side walls connected by a seat which defines an opening sized to expose a portion of the graft material without permitting the graft material to exit the sheath through the opening. The obturator portion includes an elongated gripping portion with an impactor attached to the end. The impactor is sized to fit through the opening to eject graft material received with the sheath.

INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for (i) a method for arthrodesis of motion segments of the **spine** comprising creating a channel between posterior aspects of the **spine** to a fusion site. The channel is defined between fascia and **muscle** and terminates at a tissue barrier between the channel and the **spinal canal**. The osteogenic device is delivered through the channel to the fusion site; (ii) a method for arthrodesis of a motion segment after laminectomy comprising developing the areolar plane between the iliocostalis lumborum **muscle** from the anterior leaf of the thoracolumbar fascia to create a channel from the patient's skin to the intertransverse interval, dissecting the **longissimus thoracis muscle** from its attachments to the thoracolumbar fascia, the transverse processes and the intertransverse membrane to expose the transverse process while preserving the attachment of the **longissimus thoracis** to the facet joint thereby leaving a tissue barrier between the arthrodesis site and the epidural space and delivering graft material through the channel to the intertransverse interval.

ACTIVITY - None given.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - None given.

USE - The tool and method provide a minimally invasive **spinal surgical** technique, especially for arthrodesis.

Device and methods useful in invasive spinal surgery, especially for arthrodesis Original Titles: Minimally invasive **spinal surgical** methods & instruments. **Alerting Abstract ...**the opening to eject graft material received with the sheath. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are

included for (i) a method for arthrodesis of motion segments of the **spine** comprising creating a channel between posterior aspects of the **spine** to a fusion site. The channel is defined between fascia and **muscle** and terminates at a tissue barrier between the channel and the **spinal** canal. The osteogenic device is delivered through the channel to the fusion site; (ii) a method for arthrodesis of a motion segment after laminectomy comprising developing the areolar plane between the iliocostalis lumborum **muscle** from the anterior leaf of the thoracolumbar fascia to create a channel from the patient's skin to the intertransverse interval, dissecting the **longissimus thoracis muscle** from its attachments to the thoracolumbar fascia, the transverse processes and the intertransverse membrane to expose the transverse process while preserving the attachment of the **longissimus thoracis** to the facet joint thereby leaving a tissue barrier between the arthrodesis site and the epidural space and delivering graft material through the channel to... ..USE - The tool and method provide a minimally invasive **spinal surgical** technique, especially for arthrodesis. **Technology Focus BIOLOGY** - Preferred Method: The tissue barrier preferably includes the posterolateral attachments of the **longissimus thoracis muscle** at the facet joint. The osteogenic device preferably includes a bone morphogenetic protein, a bioceramic and a biphasic hydroxyapatite/tricalcium phosphate ceramic. The method preferably further comprises dissecting the **longissimus thoracis muscle** from its attachments to the thoracolumbar fascia, the transverse processes and the intertransverse membrane to expose the transverse processes while preserving the attachment of **muscle** to the facet joints of the motion segment thereby leaving a tissue barrier between the channel and the epidural space. **Extension Abstract EXAMPLE** - Skeletally mature rabbits underwent L4-L5 intertransverse process arthrodesis. An open group underwent standard open **muscle**-splitting approach using rhBMP-2/collagen as a bone graft substitute and achieved 16/16 fusions. A video assisted control group underwent lateral intertransverse process... **Abstracts:**Minimally invasive **spinal surgical** techniques and **tools** are provided. The methods include separating the iliocostalis lumborum **muscle** from the anterior **leaf** of the thoracolumbar fascia to create a channel from the patient's skin to the intertransverse interval. In one embodiment, the method also includes delivering...

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Operation method for spinal surgery - involves inserting grafting material into intra-transverse interval, through working channel formed by incision

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Inventor: BODEN S; MCKAY W F; MOCTEZUMA J; MOSKOVITZ P A

Patent Family (1 patents, 1 & countries)

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US 5741261	A	19980421	US 1996670351	A	19960625	199823	B

Alerting Abstract US A

The method involves making a first transverse incision (11) through a patient's skin (K) of about 10 cm from the mid-line in a **spinous** process (5). A second incision (21) of about 2.5 cm is made through a thoracolumbar fascia (F) of the skin. A working channel (10) is created through the first incision and the second incision to an intra-transverse interval (7) by an endo-**surgical** retractor (50).

An iliocostalis (I) is dissected from the fascia of about 0.5 cm. An endo- **surgical** blunt probe (80) is inserted into the interval of the transverse incision (P) through the working channel. A cannula such as a sheath (103) is inserted into the channel, over the probe. Then, the probe is removed and an endoscope or a burr is inserted into the sheath. A graft material is inserted into the intra-transverse interval by an endo- **surgical** graft delivery assembly (110).

ADVANTAGE - Reduces morbidity. Avoids major dissection of **muscles** and retraction of nerves.

Operation method for spinal surgery - Original Titles: Minimally invasive **spinal surgical** methods and instruments. **Alerting Abstract** ...The method involves making a first transverse incision (11) through a patient's skin (K) of about 10 cm from the mid-line in a **spinous** process (5). A second incision (21) of about 2.5 cm is made through a thoracolumbar fascia (F) of the skin. A working channel (10) is created through the first incision and the second incision to an intra-transverse interval (7) by an endo-**surgical** retractor (50)...An iliocostalis (I) is dissected from the fascia of about 0.5 cm. An endo-**surgical** blunt probe (80) is inserted into the interval of the transverse incision (P) through the working channel. A cannula such as a sheath (103) is... ..removed and an endoscope or a burr is inserted into the sheath. A graft material is inserted into the intra-transverse interval by an endo- **surgical** graft delivery assembly (110)... ..ADVANTAGE - Reduces morbidity. Avoids major dissection of **muscles** and retraction of nerves. **Abstracts:** Minimally invasive **spinal surgical** techniques and **tools** are provided. The methods include separating the iliocostalis lumborum **muscle** from the anterior **leaf** of the thoracolumbar fascia to create a channel from the patient's skin to the intertransverse interval. In one embodiment, the method also includes delivering... **Claims:** A minimally invasive method for arthrodesis of a **spinal** motion segment of a patient including a cephalad **vertebra** and a caudal **vertebra**, comprising the steps of: making a transverse incision in the skin of the patient of about 2.5 cm at a generally posterolateral location about 10 cm from the midline at the level of a **spinous** process of the **cephalad vertebra** and centered over the border of the reflection of the thoracolumbar fascia; exposing the posterior leaf of the thoracolumbar fascia beneath the skin; making a second incision of about... .. second incision centered beneath the transverse incision; creating a channel through the transverse incision and the second incision to the intertransverse interval of the cephalad **vertebra** and the caudal **vertebra**, including dissecting the lateral border of the iliocostalis lumborum from the anterior leaf of

the thoracolumbar fascia; dissecting the iliocostalis lumborum and **longissimus thoracis muscles** from the fascia medially about 0.5 cm dorsal to the **junction of the transverse process** and the lateral cortex of the cephalad articular facet; and medially dissecting the intertransverse process membrane to the hiatus of the posterior rami... .. the probe to the intertransverse interval; removing the probe from the cannula; inserting a burr into the cannula; decorticating the transverse process of the caudal **vertebra** with the burr; decorticating the transverse process of the cephalad **vertebra** with the burr; and delivering graft material to the intertransverse interval after the decorticating steps.>

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Minimally invasive delivery of spinal fixation element involves manipulating access device to second position that is angled with respect to first orientation to position spinal fixation element into spinal anchor

Patent Assignee: ANDERSON D G (ANDE-I); ROSS G J (ROSS-I); SELOVER S P (SELO-I); SICVOL C W (SICV-I)

Inventor: ANDERSON D G; ROSS G J; **SELOVER S P**; SICVOL C W

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US 20050131421	A1	20050616	US 2003738130	A	20031216	200541	B

Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - The method involves advancing a spinal fixation element through the lumen in a percutaneous access device (12) in first position that is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the access device. The access device can be manipulated to a second position that is angled with respect to first orientation to position the spinal fixation element into a spinal anchor (50).

DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for a percutaneous access device.

USE - For delivering spinal fixation element to spinal anchor site in minimally invasive manner.

ADVANTAGE - Enables the access device to be positioned at several angles with respect to the patient's spinal column. Reduce amount of trauma caused to the patient and minimize damage to the muscle surrounding the surgical site.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure is the perspective view of the percutaneous access device.

12 Percutaneous access device

12a,12b Proximal and distal ends of access device
 14 Opening
 50 Spinal anchor

...Inventor: **SELOVER S P** Original Publication Data by Authority Argentina **Publication No. ...Inventor name & address: Selover, Sean P**

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Retractor for microsurgical intermuscular spinal surgery, has blade with face having variable width and upper proximal edge spaced apart from intersection

Patent Assignee: RITLAND S (RITL-I)

Inventor: RITLAND S

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NOVELTY - The retractor (10) includes a **blade** (14) interconnected to a handle (12) at an

intersection. The **blade** has a face having a variable width and an upper proximal edge spaced apart from the intersection. The distal end of the retractor has a coplanar forward projecting tooth for laterally engaging an articular complex of the vertebra of the spine.

USE - For microsurgical **intermuscular spinal surgery**. For exposure of the bony **spine** for screw placement.

ADVANTAGE - Enables performing an **instrumented** lumbar arthrodesis with a minimal approach which spares the lumbar muscles from **surgical** disruption.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the side perspective view of the retractor.

10 Retractor

12 Handle

14 **Blade**

16 Forward projecting prominence

17 Semi-circular shaped front edge

Retractor for microsurgical intermuscular spinal surgery, has blade with face having variable width and upper proximal edge spaced apart from intersection Original

Titles:Method and device for microsurgical **intermuscular spinal surgery** Method and device for microsurgical **intermuscular spinal surgery** Alerting Abstract ...NOVELTY -

The retractor (10) includes a **blade** (14) interconnected to a handle (12) at an intersection. The **blade** has a face having a variable width and an upper proximal edge spaced apart from the intersection. The distal end of the retractor has a... USE - For microsurgical **intermuscular spinal surgery**. For exposure of the bony **spine** for screw placement...

...ADVANTAGE - Enables performing an **instrumented** lumbar arthrodesis with a minimal approach which spares the lumbar muscles from **surgical** disruption... ...14 **Blade**

Abstracts:A retractor is provided for performing spinal **surgery** with a minimal approach, and which spares the lumbar muscles from **surgical** disruption. A preferred embodiment includes a **blade** having first and second faces **wherein** the faces are positioned substantially transverse to one another, and **wherein** at least one of the faces has a tapered width. Alternatively, both the first and second faces are tapered. Additionally, a third face positioned

transverse... second face also preferably includes at least one tooth, and more preferably, a plurality of teeth at its distal end for laterally engaging an articular **process** of a vertebra of the spine... A retractor is provided for performing spinal **surgery** with a minimal approach, and which spares the lumbar muscles from **surgical** disruption. A preferred embodiment includes a **blade** having first and second faces **wherein** the faces are positioned substantially transverse to one another, and **wherein** at least one of the faces has a tapered width.

Alternatively, both the first and second faces are tapered. Additionally, a third face positioned transverse... second face also preferably includes at least one tooth, and more preferably, a plurality of teeth at its distal end for laterally engaging an articular **process** of a vertebra of the spine. **Claims:**1. A retractor for use in **surgery** of one or more vertebra of a spine, the retractor comprising:a handle;a **blade** interconnected to said handle at an intersection, said **blade** including a first face and a second face positioned transverse to said first face, said second face having an upper proximal edge spaced apart from... What is claimed is:1. A retractor for use in **surgery** of one or more vertebra of a spine, the retractor comprising: a handle;a **blade** interconnected to said handle at an intersection, said **blade** including a first face and a second face positioned transverse to said first face, said second face having an upper proximal edge spaced apart from said intersection, and said second face having a varied width, said **blade** further comprising a third face **located** transverse to said first face,

wherein said first face is substantially perpendicular to said third face, and further comprising a quarter-rounded bend interconnecting said first face to said third face, **wherein** said third face is substantially parallel to said second face.... Basic Derwent Week: 200570...

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Spinal target site access providing method for use during spinal surgery, involves piercing skin with a distal tip of initial dilator and advancing distal tip in lateral direction through psoas muscle toward spinal target site

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Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - The **method** involves inserting a portion of a finger through an incision and into a retroperitoneal space. A skin is pierced with a distal tip of an initial dilator through another incision and the tip is directed toward a psoas muscle. The distal tip is advanced in lateral direction through the psoas **muscle** toward a **spinal** target site, and a stimulation electrode coupled to the dilator detects nerves proximal to the dilator.

USE - Used for providing access to a spinal target site during spinal **surgery**.

ADVANTAGE - The **method** provides a lateral approach to the spine, thereby reducing the potential of damaging nerves while advancing **instruments** through the psoas muscle.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing shows a perspective view of a tissue retraction assembly forming part of a **surgical** access **system**.

12, 16, 18 Retractor **blades**

14 Linkage assembly

20 Handle assembly

24, 25 Retractor extenders

29 Spunding groove

Spinal target site access providing method for use during spinal surgery, involves piercing skin with a distal tip of initial dilator and advancing distal tip in lateral direction through psoas muscle toward spinal target site Original Titles:Surgical access

system and related **methods** **Alerting Abstract** ...**NOVELTY** - The **method** involves inserting a portion of a finger through an incision and into a retroperitoneal space. A skin is pierced with a distal tip of an initial dilator through another incision and the tip is directed toward a psoas muscle. The distal tip is advanced in lateral direction through the psoas **muscle** toward a **spinal** target site, and a stimulation electrode coupled to the dilator detects nerves proximal to the dilator. **USE** - Used for providing access to a spinal target site during **spinal surgery**. ... **ADVANTAGE** - The **method** provides a lateral approach to the spine, thereby reducing the potential of damaging nerves while advancing **instruments** through the psoas muscle.... **DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS** - The drawing shows a perspective view of a tissue retraction assembly forming part of a **surgical access system**. ... 12, 16, 18

Retractor blades Abstracts: A **surgical access system** including a tissue distraction assembly and a tissue retraction assembly, both of which may be equipped with one or more electrodes for use in detecting the existence of (and optionally the distance and/or direction to) neural structures before, during, and after the **establishment** of an operative corridor to a **surgical** target site. Some embodiments of the **surgical access system** may be particularly suited for **establishing** an operative corridor to a **surgical** target site in the spine. Such an operative corridor may be **established** through the retroperitoneal space and the psoas muscle during a direct lateral, retroperitoneal approach to the spine. **Claims:1.** A **method** included in providing **surgical** access to a spinal target site through a substantially lateral, retroperitoneal approach, the **method** comprising: inserting at least a portion of a finger through a first incision and into a retroperitoneal space; piercing the skin with a distal tip... through a second incision, and directing the distal tip of the dilator toward the finger; using the finger to direct the distal tip of the **dilator** toward the psoas muscle; and advancing the distal tip of the initial **dilator** in a substantially lateral direction through the psoas **muscle** toward a **spinal** target site while using a stimulation electrode coupled to the initial dilator to detect nerves proximal to the initial dilator.... Basic Derwent Week: 200552...

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Method for delivering spinal fixation component, involves manipulating Spinal fixation component to extend in second orientation angled with respect to first orientation to position spinal fixation component in relation to spinal anchor

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Alerting Abstract WO A2

NOVELTY - Spinal fixation component is advanced through a lumen (12c) in percutaneous access **device** (12) in first **orientation** parallel to longitudinal axis (L) of percutaneous access **device**. The spinal fixation component is then manipulated to extend in second **orientation** angled with respect to first **orientation** to position the spinal fixation component in relation to a spinal anchor (50).

DESCRIPTION - The spinal anchor is percutaneously delivered to a vertebral body with the percutaneous access **device** mated with the spinal anchor. The percutaneous access **device** includes the lumen extending through the percutaneous access **device** and defining the longitudinal axis. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- a. a minimally invasive **surgical method**;
- b. a percutaneous access **device** for introducing spinal fixation component to patient's body;
- c. a dissection **tool** for **separating muscles**; and
- d. a **medical device kit**.

USE - For delivering spinal fixation component in **minimally invasive manner** to spinal anchor site within patient's spine.

ADVANTAGE - Reduces amount of trauma caused to patient. Minimizes damage to muscle surrounding the **surgical** site.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure is the perspective view of the percutaneous access **device** coupled to spinal anchor.

12 Percutaneous access **device**

12c Lumen

50 Spinal anchor

52 Head

54 Threaded shank

L Longitudinal axis

Method for delivering spinal fixation component, involves manipulating Spinal fixation component to extend in second orientation angled with respect to first orientation to position spinal fixation component in relation to spinal anchor ...Original Abstract

...NOVELTY - Spinal fixation component is advanced through a lumen (12c) in percutaneous access **device** (12) in first **orientation** parallel to longitudinal axis (L) of percutaneous access **device**. The spinal fixation component is then manipulated to extend in second **orientation** angled with respect to first **orientation** to position the spinal fixation component in relation to a spinal anchor (50). DESCRIPTION - The spinal anchor is percutaneously delivered to a vertebral body with the percutaneous access **device** mated with the spinal anchor. The percutaneous access **device** includes the lumen extending through the percutaneous access **device** and defining the longitudinal axis. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following... ... a minimally invasive **surgical method**; a percutaneous access **device** for introducing spinal fixation component to patient's body; a dissection **tool** for **separating muscles**; and a **medical device kit**... ... USE - For delivering spinal fixation component in minimally invasive **manner** to spinal anchor site within patient's spine... ... ADVANTAGE - Reduces amount of trauma caused to patient. Minimizes damage to muscle surrounding the **surgical** site... ... DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure is the perspective view of the percutaneous access **device** coupled to spinal anchor... ... 12 Percutaneous access **device** Abstracts:Minimally invasive **methods** and **devices** for introducing a spinal fixation element into a **surgical** site in a patient's spinal column are provided. In one embodiment, a dissection **tool** is provided for **separating muscles** along a **muscle** plane without causing damage to the **muscles**. The dissection **tool** can also include a lumen extending therethrough for receiving a **guide wire**. The **tool** allows the **guide wire** to be positioned relative to a vertebra, and once properly positioned, the **tool** can be removed to allow a spinal anchor to be delivered along the **guide wire** and implanted into the vertebra... ... Minimally invasive **methods** and **devices** for introducing a spinal fixation element into a **surgical** site in a patient's spinal column are provided. In one embodiment, a dissection **tool** is provided for **separating muscles** along a **muscle** plane without causing damage to the **muscles**. The dissection **tool** can also include a lumen extending therethrough for receiving a **guide wire**. The **tool** allows the **guide wire** to be positioned relative to a vertebra, and once properly positioned, the **tool** can be removed to allow a spinal anchor to be delivered along the **guide wire** and implanted into the vertebra... ... Minimally invasive **methods** and **devices** for introducing a spinal fixation element into a **surgical** site in a patient's spinal column are provided. In one embodiment, a dissection **tool** is provided for **separating muscles** along a **muscle** plane without causing damage to the **muscles**. The dissection **tool** can also include a lumen extending therethrough for receiving a **guide wire**. The **tool** allows the **guide wire** to be positioned relative to a vertebra, and once properly positioned, the **tool** can be removed to allow a spinal anchor to be delivered along the **guide wire** and implanted into the vertebra... .. **Claims:1.** A minimally invasive **surgical method**, comprising:forming an incision through tissue **located** adjacent to a vertebra in a patient's **spinal column**;identifying a **muscle** plane;inserting a substantially planar **blunt** tip of a **tool** through the incision while manipulating the **blunt** tip along the **muscle** plane extending between the incision and the **vertebra** to **separate the muscles**.>

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Retractor for percutaneous surgery, has two parts moveable from unexpanded configuration to expanded configuration where working channel formed by one part tapers in size from proximal ends to distal ends in patient

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Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - The retractor (20) has a working channel formed by a part (22) coupled with another part (42). The two parts are positionable in an unexpanded configuration with distal ends (24, 44) of the parts in a patient and proximal ends (26, 46) of the parts outside the patient. The parts are moveable to an expanded configuration **where** the working channel tapers in size from the proximal to the distal ends.

DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a **method** for performing a **surgical procedure** at a **location** in a patient.

USE - Used for percutaneous **surgery** in patients.

ADVANTAGE - The **retractor** provides minimally invasive **spinal surgery** by requiring minimal **muscle** and tissue dissection and **procedures** performed under local anesthesia, thereby reducing recovery time and post-operative pain.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing shows a perspective view looking toward one side of a retractor in an unexpanded configuration.

20 Retractor

22, 42 Working channel parts

23 Semi-cylindrical body of working channel part

24, 44 Distal ends

Alerting Abstract ...of the parts in a patient and proximal ends (26, 46) of the parts outside the patient. The parts are moveable to an expanded configuration **where** the working channel tapers in size from the proximal to the distal ends. DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a **method** for performing a **surgical procedure** at a **location** in a patient....USE - Used for percutaneous **surgery** in patients...ADVANTAGE - The **retractor** provides minimally invasive **spinal surgery** by requiring minimal **muscle** and tissue dissection and **procedures** performed under local anesthesia, thereby reducing recovery time and post-operative pain... **Abstracts:Methods and devices** for performing percutaneous **surgery** in a patient are provided. A retractor includes a working channel formed by a first portion coupled to a second portion. The first and second... **Methods and devices** for performing percutaneous **surgery** in a patient are provided. A retractor includes a working channel formed by a first portion coupled to a second portion. The first and second... **Methods and devices** for performing percutaneous **surgery** in a patient are provided. A retractor includes a working channel formed by a first portion coupled to a second portion. The first and second... **Methods and devices** for performing percutaneous **surgery** in a patient are provided. A retractor includes a working channel formed by a first portion coupled to a second portion. The first and second... **Claims:**What is claimed is:1. A retractor for percutaneous **surgery** in a patient, comprising:a first portion having a proximal end and a distal end;a second portion having a proximal end coupled to said... ends and said proximal ends of said first and second portions and a size between said first portion and said second portion along said length, **wherein:**said first and second portions are positionable in an unexpanded configuration with said distal ends of said first and second portions in the patient and said proximal ends of said first and second portions outside the patient; andsaid first and second portions are movable to an expanded configuration **wherein** said working channel tapers in size from said proximal ends outside the patient to said distal ends in the patient.... What is claimed is:1. A refractor for percutaneous **surgery** in a patient, comprising: a first portion having a proximal end and a distal end;a second portion having a proximal end coupled to said... ends and said proximal ends of said first and second portions and a size between said first portion and said second portion along said length, **wherein:** said first and second portions are positionable in an unexpanded configuration with said distal ends of said first and second portions in the patient and said proximal ends of said first and second portions outside the patient; andsaid first and second portions are movable to an expanded configuration **wherein** said working channel tapers in size from said distal ends in the patient to said proximal ends outside the patient and said opposite edges of...

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Tissue retractor for microsurgical intermuscular lumbar arthrodesis, has blade orthogonal to handle, which retracts tissue

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Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - A **retractor blade** engaging with **muscle** is at an angle of 90(deg) with respect to **retractor** handle, to retract tissue. The **blade** end is bent away from the handle.

USE - For microsurgical intermuscular lumbar arthrodesis.

ADVANTAGE - The **retractor** requires decreased neurovascular and **muscle** dissection, and ensures the **retraction** operation to be made easier, by maintaining the **retractor** in a desired position. The retractor avoids any **muscle detachment**, provides easy access to **spine** and avoids damage to the neurovascular supply of posterior musculature.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a side perspective view of the tissue retractor.

Tissue retractor for microsurgical intermuscular lumbar arthrodesis, has blade orthogonal to handle, which retracts Alerting Abstract ...NOVELTY - A **retractor blade** engaging with **muscle** is at an angle of 90(deg) with respect to **retractor** handle, to retract tissue. The **blade** end is bent away from the handle. ...ADVANTAGE - The **retractor** requires decreased neurovascular and **muscle** dissection, and ensures the **retraction** operation to be made easier, by maintaining the **retractor** in a desired position. The retractor avoids any **muscle detachment**, provides easy access to **spine** and avoids damage to the neurovascular supply of posterior musculature Abstracts:An **instrument** useful in performing **lumbar** arthrodesis with a minimal approach which spares the lumbar **muscles** from **surgical** disruption and includes **one** of two **retractor** designs having blades **angled** approximately 90(deg) with respect to each respective retractor handle. One **blade** is bent at an end portion thereof in a direction away from the handle portion. The other **blade** has first and **second blade** faces, with the **second** face having at least two toothed structures **located** thereon. An **instrument** useful in performing lumbar arthrodesis with a minimal **approach** which spares the lumbar **muscles** from **surgical** disruption and includes one of two **retractor** designs **having** blades angled approximately 90(deg) with respect to each **respective** retractor handle. One **blade** is bent at an end portion thereof in a direction away from the handle portion. The other **blade** has first and **second blade** faces, with the **second** face having at least **two** toothed structures **located** thereon. ...**Claims**:is claimed is:1. A tissue retractor for use in lumbar arthrodesis comprising:an elongated retractor having a handle at one end and a retractor **blade** at a second end, said retractor **blade** having a **hooked** prominence to engage a lateral facet **or muscle**, said **retractor** blade being angled with respect to said handle and having a depth so as to provide adequate **retraction** when performing a screw placement operation, said **blade** having an end that is bent away from the

direction of said first handle... ... What is claimed is:1. A **surgical retractor device** for use with a rod implant, comprising:a handle and a **blade**, said **blade** angled with respect to said **handle** at **approximately** 90(deg), said **blade** having a depth ranging from 2-10 cm and **having** first and second faces, said first face being substantially perpendicular to said second **face**, said first face being angled approximately 90(deg) with respect to said handle, and said second face having at least two toothed structures **oriented** co-planar with said second face and substantially perpendicular to said first face, said at least two toothed structures **situated** proximate two indentations, **at** least one of said two indentations sized for stabilizing the retractor against the rod implant, said at least two **toothed** structures and said indentations **located** along a forward projecting lateral edge of said second face.

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